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MEETING MINUTES

CAPE & ISLANDS REGIONAL NETWORK ON HOMELESS POLICY BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 23rd, 2019

9:00am-10:30am

Harborview Room, Barnstable County Complex

Members Present: Beth Albert, Leo Blandford, Beth Bowman, Martha Burzycki, Cassi Danzl, Gina Giambusso, Cathy Gibson, Gina Hurley, Jan Kendrick, Eddie Murphy, Heidi Nelson, Greg Quilty, Maybelline Willner, Erika Woods

Members of the Public: Amanda Notemyer, Adam Gracia, Lee Hamilton, Jessica Cunha

Barnstable County Staff: Dan Gray, Martha Taylor, Maria Silva

Guests: Lubelia Raposo and Dorothy Garrity

Unable to attend: Suzie Hauptmann, Edye Nesmith, Jan Kendrick, Walter Phinney

Elected Officials: 0 Assembly of Delegates: 0 County Commissioners: 0

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Cathy Gibson facilitated the meeting which began at 9:01a.m. Introductions were made around the table.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of June 24, 2019 –Martha Burzycki made the first motion with Cassi Danzl making the second. All in favor – none opposed.
3. **Engagement with Martha's Vineyard - Dan Gray**
 - a. There will be a meeting at the Oak Bluffs Library on October 22, 2019 at 11:00a.m. Executive Committee will lead the meeting and Policy Board members are invited to attend.
 - b. Agenda items to be discussed are: Youth Homelessness Community Needs Assessment and Winter Response; Continuum of Care (COC) funded programs including the Coordinated Entry System (CES).
 - c. Meeting will also have time for agencies from Martha's Vineyard to discuss effective programs and resources and how the Regional Network can partner with them to identify and address areas of need.

Creating a Healthy Connected Cape Cod

The Mission of the Department of Human Services is to plan, develop, and implement programs which enhance the overall delivery of human services in Barnstable County and promote the health and social well-being of County residents through regional efforts that improve coordination of services.

4. Youth and Young Adult Homelessness - Dan Gray

- a. Community Needs Assessment and Recommendations – A Spotlight on this report is posted on the Barnstable County Human Services website with a link to the full document
- b. Executive Summary – handout attached. There are 8 key findings. Individuals under the age of 25 are eligible to receive services through this grant.
- c. In the first 6 months there have been 70 unduplicated contacts.
- d. A workgroup will be created to identify the needs of youth and young adults who experience homelessness on Cape Cod and the Islands and explore ways to enhance programs and services. Anyone who has interest in being part of this workgroup is to contact Dan Gray.

5. Update on Continuum of Care FY 19 Notice of Funding Availability - Beth Albert

- a. The CoC submits this annual response to secure approximately \$1.9 million in HUD funding for permanent supportive housing. The Review and Ranking Committee met to finalize the Priority List for the application which includes a new Youth Supportive Housing Program through HAC and an expansion of the Sandwich Housing Authority Fresh Start program.
- b. Application will be posted on Wednesday 9/25/19 to the Human Services website and submitted to HUD on 9/27/19.
- c. Racial Disparities Analysis – Martha Taylor. Handout attached. Analysis found that there are disparities in several areas that impact Black and Hispanic populations. This information was collected from the HMIS database and the 2019 Point In Time count which was done on January 29th. The full report is 16 pages and link is provided on handout.
- d. Employment and job training - Memoranda of Understanding – Beth Albert discussed strengthening pathways to employment for homeless and formally homeless individuals and families. She met w/ Kara Galvin at the MassHire Workforce Board (WB) and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with WB and Job Training and Education Corporation (JTEC) to strengthen relationships between CoC and these organizations embedded into our community.

6. Employment, Training and Educational Programs for Homeless and At-Risk Individuals and Families -

- a. The first speakers were Lubelia Raposo and Dorothy Garrity, Case Managers at Service, Employment, and Redevelopment (SER)- Jobs for Progress. Lubelia described the process they use for engaging families and assessing their employment needs. SER uses flexible funds to support employment and job search efforts for their clients, including clothing and training. SER works with both parents and young adults within the families for up to 2 years if they are receiving TAFDC, and are living in an Emergency Assistance Shelter or are a recipient of RAFT or HomeBASE funds. SER is now co-located at HAC which makes referrals more efficient. Dorothy will go into the shelters to meet with clients individually to help with engagement. The greatest challenge with the program is transportation which SER has been working with partners to resolve.
- b. Martha Burzycki from JTEC are the operators of MassHire Career Center, formerly Career Opportunities. JTEC is funded by the Department of Labor with the goal of sustainable employment for individuals ages 14 and older. The target population for some programs is age 16-24, but the Career Center is open to everybody wanting to engage with their services. They provide training funding up to \$10,000 for each individual, including programs such as Certified

Nursing Assistant, medical billing and CDL. Workshops are offered on resume writing, cover letters, keywords to use on applications, etc. Any youth age 16-24 is eligible for services, but there are income guidelines for older adults. For adults they look at a window of 6 months of income to determine eligibility per federal income requirements.

7. Partner Updates –

- a. Beth Albert announced that Falmouth Housing Authority is applying for Fostering Youth to Independence (FYI) which will provide up to 25 subsidies for children aging out of Department of Child and Family (DCF) programs, including foster care.
- b. Adam Reisha was introduced as the new Housing and Development Director at the Veterans Outreach Center.

- 8. Adjournment –** Chair asked for motion to adjourn at 10:25 a.m., Beth Bowman made first motion and Beth Albert made second.

Respectfully submitted by: Maria Silva, Human Services